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REF: (A) STATE 258632; (B) NEW DELHI 9094

1. ACCORDING TO J., DIXIT, INDIAN DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN DACCA, GOI HAS MADE NO PROTEST TO BDG RE AREAS IN BAY OF BENGAL IN WHICH BANGLADESH OFFERING OIL EXPLORATION RIGHTS. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, DIXIT WENT ON TO SAY THAT DELEGATION HEADED BY INDIAN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LEGAL ADVISOR JAGOTA ARRIVING IN DACCA TODAY (NOVEMBER 29) TO BEGIN LONG-DEFERRED DISCUSSIONS ON (AND HOPEFULLY TO DETERMINE) MEDIAN LINE ESTABLISHING INDO-BANGLADESH MARITIME BOUNDARY. DIXIT ADDED THAT HE DELIVERED LETTER TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOME WEEKS AGO, INFORMING BDG THAT INDIA FINALLY ABLE TO BEGIN TALKS, (JAGOTA'S ABSENCE AT CARACAS FOR LOS CONFERENCE AND NEW YORK FOR UNGA HAVING ENDED) AND SOMEONE IN MFA, WHO LESS THAN FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT, HAD INTERPRETED LETTER AS A PROTEST.

2. DIXIT SAID BOTH INDIA AND BANGLADESH ARE AWARE OF
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POTENTIAL FOR PROBLEMS WHICH FAILURE TO DEFINE MARITIME

BOUNDARY COULD POSE AND THERE HAS BEEN UNDERSTANDING ON
BOTH SIDES OF NEED TO GET ON WITH TASK. INDIAN DHC
STRESSED THAT BANGALEES HAD BEEN FIRST TO VOICE NEED FOR
DELINEATION IN DISCUSSION WITH GOI WHICH TOOK PLACE JUST
FOLLOWING ENACTMENT LAST FEBRUARY BY BANGLADESH LEGIS-
LATURE OF ACT ESTABLISHING VARIOUS MARITIME ZONES OVER
WHICH BANGLADESH INTENDED EXERCISE COMPLETE OR PARTIAL
SOVEREIGNTY.
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